

Freedom of Information Request CRN00195706 -Responded by 16/11/2018 - Mayor Rees Brussels trip

Request received:

Dear Bristol City Council,

Can I see a full itinerary/diary of the trip?

Can I see the minutes of any meeting(s) held during the trip?

Who paid for Mr Rees' travel, accommodation and expenses?

How much did this cost? Please break this down by invoice.

Who else from Bristol City Council or the Labour Party went on the trip?

Who paid for their travel, accommodation and expenses?

Yours faithfully,

Frank Church

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Response:

Dear Mr Church,

Please find enclosed our response to your request for the following information.

1. An itinerary for the trip.
2. Minutes: No minutes were taken on the trip, but the key purpose outcomes of this visit were:

- Mayor attended hearing for Bristol as a finalist of European Capital of Innovation 2018. This was to present Bristol's bid, following a successful shortlisting and answer questions related to our bid. The award was for a €1m prize for the City, on this occasion we were not successful.
 - Mayor met with Secretary General for Eurocities to discuss their involvement in the 2018 Global Parliament of Mayors' Summit being held in Bristol and other issues.
3. Funding: Council funded costs are included in the table below. Other costs that were **externally funded** include:
 - a) Flights – 1 return flight Bristol – (Mayor) funded by the European Commission - £227.27
 - b) Payment of €92 from the European Commission as day rate for out of pocket expenses that may be incurred.
 4. Council's Costs: please see table below.
 5. Mayor was accompanied by Interim Director of City Wellbeing, Resilience and Strategic Partnerships and two external representatives from the city to increase the value of the trip. The external attendees were from Bristol and Bath Regional Capital and University of the West of England Bristol.

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Time	Activity
12 Sep	
06:05	Depart Bristol Airport for Brussels
10:20	iCapital Hearing
12.30	Meet with Secretary General for Eurocities
16.50	Depart Brussels Airport for Bristol

Total Bristol City Council Costs for Brussels trip, September 2018 (€1=£1.12)

Item	Cost Foreign currency €	Cost Sterling £
UK taxi costs to and from Bristol airport		80
Flight costs for 3 covered by Bristol City Council		899.81
Taxis costs - Brussels	39.10	34.04

Please note that the €92 from the European commission has been used to offset some of these costs.